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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging  
3 Congress to provide sufficient funding to the National  
4 Aeronautics and Space Administration and the John F.  
5 Kennedy Space Center to mitigate the severe economic  
6 impact that will result in Florida when the nation's human  
7 space flight program ceases operations and before the new  
8 human space flight program begins.

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10 WHEREAS, the United States' human space flight program is  
11 scheduled to cease operations after September 30, 2010, and

12 WHEREAS, the cessation of our nation's human space flight  
13 program will result in the loss of employment of thousands of  
14 highly trained space flight employees in Florida, and

15 WHEREAS, Florida is home to thousands of suppliers and  
16 service providers who will lose employment or vital income upon  
17 cessation of the United States' human space flight program, and

18 WHEREAS, the next planned United States' human space flight  
19 program is not scheduled to be in operation for at least 5  
20 years, and

21 WHEREAS, a gap of 5 years in human space flight programs  
22 will result in our nation's loss of highly specialized space-  
23 faring skills due to the dispersion of the workforce, and

24 WHEREAS, the United States' human space flight program has  
25 greatly contributed to our nation's national defense and many of  
26 today's technological advances, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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30 That the Congress of the United States is urged to provide  
31 sufficient funding to the National Aeronautics and Space  
32 Administration and the John F. Kennedy Space Center to mitigate  
33 the devastating economic impact to Florida's workforce and  
34 economy due to a gap of 5 years in human space flight programs.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
36 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
37 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
38 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
39 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.